



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Under Secretary for Health
Washington DC 20420

May 23, 2016

The Honorable Steve Daines
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Daines:

Thank you for your April 6, 2016, letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regarding allegations of senior leadership misconduct at the VA Medical Center (VAMC) in Fort Harrison, Montana. I am responding on behalf of the Department.

This is an interim response to your request. VA's Office of Accountability Review (OAR) has been actively investigating allegations of senior leadership misconduct at the Fort Harrison VAMC. Based on the initial evidence that was provided to the investigators, additional witness interviews were required. OAR continues to conduct those interviews. We will be happy to update you once OAR has completed its investigation and has issued a report of its findings.

Should you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact Ms. Angela Prudhomme, Congressional Relations Officer, at (202) 461-6471 or by email at angela.prudhomme@va.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David J. Shulkin, M.D." with a stylized "MD" at the end.

David J. Shulkin, M.D.